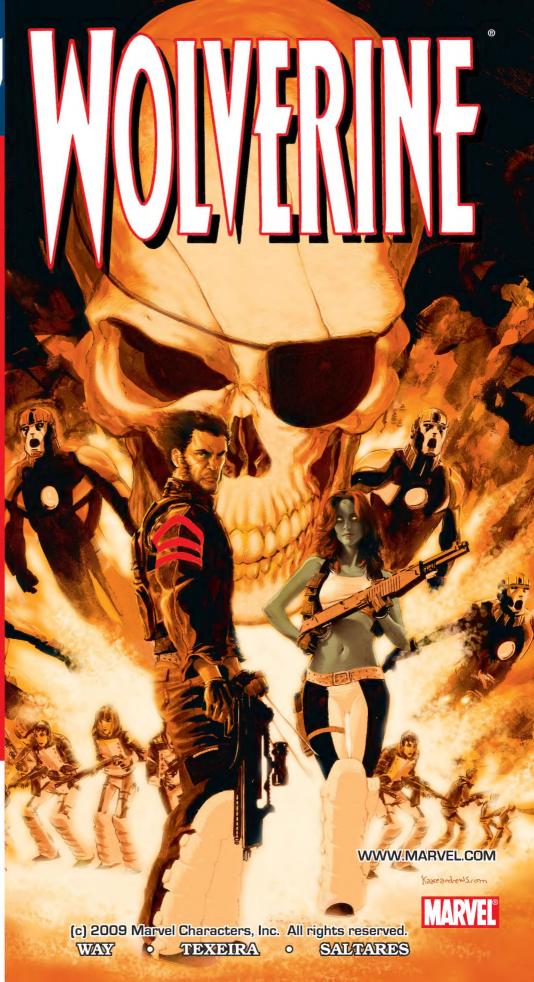


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The New Avengers and the Astonishing X-Men met to discuss the fate of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch--the daughter of the powerful mutant terrorist Magneto. After losing control of her reality-altering powers and suffering a total nervous breakdown, Wanda unleashed chaos upon the Avengers, killing and injuring many of their number. Magneto intervened and took his daughter to the devastated island-nation of Genosha, where Charles Xavier—Professor X, the founder of the X-Men—was to help her recover. Xavier failed, and now it is up to Wanda's friends and teammates to decide whether she will live or die. But Magneto, Wanda, and her brother Pietro disappear...

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But, recently, Wolverine's actions have been erratic, even reckless, and they've raised the suspicions of his superior, Colonel Shaw. After an attack on an American embassy causes the deaths of several dignitaries and the theft of a new Sentinel, Shaw finds evidence that connects Wolverine to the terrorists' leader, Nick Fury...

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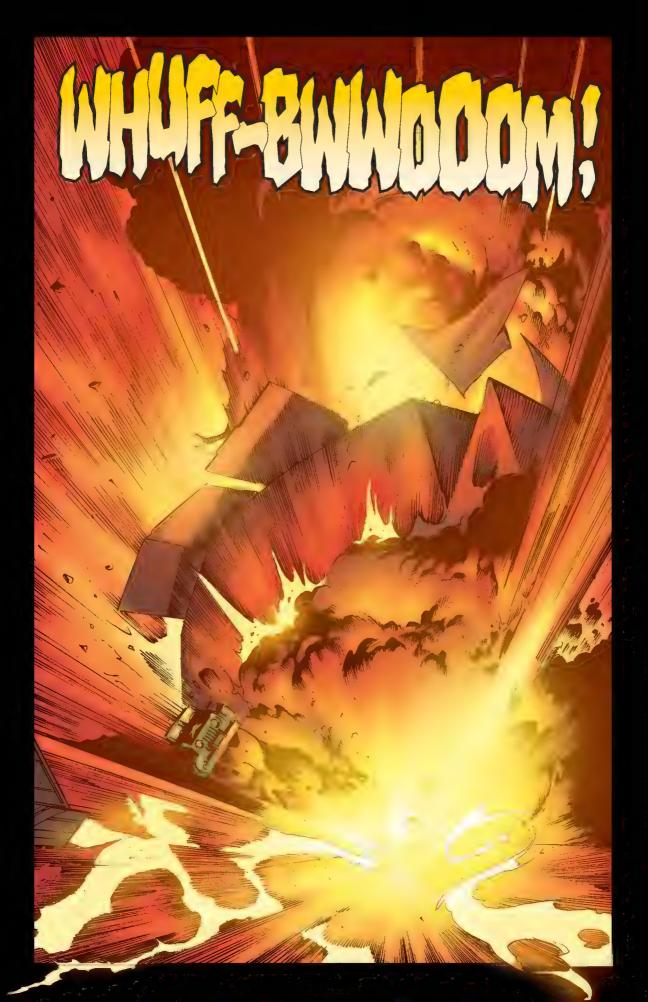














































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